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SUBJECT: SCHAUFEE-TYDEMAN DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN
AFRICAN ISSUES

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 3947; (B) THE HAGUE 3692 (NOTAL)
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1. AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEE MET JULY 22 WITH DUTCH
EMBASSY CHARGE TYDEMAN IN LATTER'S EC PRESIDENCY ROLE TO
DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.
TYDEMAN NOTED EC

INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DIRGEN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
RUTTEN'S DESIRE THAT DUTCH PRESIDENCY MAINTAIN CONTACT
WITH US CONCERNING IT.

2. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLELE NOTED THAT WE ARE ENGAGED IN A
CONSULTATIVE PROCESS THAT BEGAN WITH THE SECRETARY'S TRIP
TO AFRICA AND CONTINUED WITH THE VORSTER MEETING IN GERMANY
AND HIS OWN JUST-COMPLETED TRIP. WE ARE SEEKING TO ENGAGE
SOUTH AFRICA IN THIS PROCESS, AND AFRICAN NATIONS SUPPORT
THIS GOAL. THE TALKS WITH VORSTER IN BAVARIA HAD BEEN
FRANK BUT EXPLORATORY IN NATURE; THE DISCUSSIONS REACHED
NO CONCLUSIONS, AND WE HAD NOT EXPECTED ANY, BUT
WE AGREED THAT WE WOULD REMAIN IN CONTACT THROUGH

NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE
VORSTER MEETING, THE SECRETARY ANNOUNCED THAT AMBASSADOR
SCHAUFLELE WOULD VISIT A NUMBER OF BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS
TO CONSULT WITH THEM ON THE GENERAL SITUATION, AND THIS
IS WHAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM DOING.

3. TYDEMAN ASKED WHETHER ANY OF THE BLACK AFRICAN
LEADERS HAD OFFERED IDEAS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED. SCHAUFLELE
RESPONDED THAT, WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME WHO ARE SKEPTICAL
ABOUT THE RESULTS, THE AFRICAN LEADERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE
MET SUPPORT THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS AND RECOGNIZE THAT
THE U.S. HAS A ROLE IT CAN PLAY. IT IS DIFFI-
CULT TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME SINCE THERE ARE MANY
PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR INTERESTS DIFFER. WE ARE NOT,
HOWEVER, DISCOURAGED.

4. TYDEMAN SAID THERE WERE THOSE WHO WANT THE EC TO BRING
PRESSURE, BUT THAT IT WAS NOT EASY TO SPECIFY A COMMUNITY
ROLE, THE BEST TIMING FOR AN INITIATIVE, OR FORA IN WHICH
IT SHOULD BE DISPLAYED. SCHAUFLELE SAID THAT AN EC ROLE
IS NOT TO BE EXCLUDED, DEPENDING ON HOW THE SITUATION
DEVELOPS. WE ARE AWARE OF EC INTEREST AND IT COULD BE
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THAT A COMMUNITY FACT-FINDING MISSION -- SUCH AS HAD BEEN
PROPOSED BUT HAD APPARENTLY ENCOUNTERED
DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS -- COULD BE USEFUL AT A SUITA-
BLE TIME, BUT BEYOND MAINTAINING THE COMMUNITY'S NORMAL
DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS IN THE AREA WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC
SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE.

5. TYDEMAN ASKED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY REACTION TO
THE TANZANIAN SUGGESTION THAT THE SITE OF THE NAMIBIA
TALKS BE MOVED FROM WINDHOEK AND THAT SWAPO BE PERMITTED
TO PARTICIPATE. SCHAUFLELE RESPONDED THAT THE TANZANIAN
RECOMMENDATION IS ONE OF SEVERAL APPROACHES TO THE NAMI-
BIAN PROBLEM AND HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS.
IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THE TANZANIAN APPROACH OFFERS A

REALISTIC AND FRUITFUL COURSE TO PURSUE.

6. TYDEMAN ASKED WHETHER BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE DISCARDED THE POSSIBILITY OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. SCHAUFLE SAID HE THOUGHT IN GENERAL THEY HAVE NOT DISMISSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT THERE. TYDEMAN ASKED WHETHER THEY BELIEVE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION, PARTICULARLY USING CUBAN TROOPS, MIGHT PROVIDE A SOLUTION TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. SCHAUFLE RESPONDED THAT THE AFRICANS WE ARE MEETING WITH DO NOT WANT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, BUT

THAT THE LONGER THE PROBLEM WITH ITS ENSUING VIOLENCE PERSISTS THE GREATER THE THREAT OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION BECOMES.

7. TYDEMAN ASKED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY FEELING THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE SMITH REGIME WAS BECOMING LESS INFLEXIBLE. SCHAUFLE SAID THAT THERE WAS LITTLE DISCERN-
IBLE CHANGE.

8. TYDEMAN ASKED WHETHER THE ENTEBBE RESCUE OPERATION MAY AFFECT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NOTING THE VORSTER VISIT TO ISRAEL. SCHAUFLE SAID HE THOUGHT THE AFRICAN REACTION TO ENTEBBE WOULD FADE, AND THAT WHILE BLACK AFRICANS MAY FEEL THEY MUST SUPPORT ANY ARAB EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE ISSUE THIS FALL, THE ISSUE DOES NOT NOW HAVE
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HIGH PRIORITY FOR MOST AFRICANS.

9. TYDEMAN ASKED WHETHER PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE FOR A SECOND MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND VORSTER. SCHAUFLE SAID THIS WAS PRESS SPECULATION AND THERE WERE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR A MEETING BETWEEN VORSTER AND THE SECRETARY.

10. TYDEMAN NOTED THAT WHILE IN THE HAGUE AMBASSADOR SCRANTON HAD SUGGESTED WE CONSULT WITH THE NINE ON UN ASPECTS OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION BEFORE THE UNGA IN SEPTEMBER, AND TYDEMAN EXPRESSED THE HOPE CONTACTS COULD BE CONTINUED IN WASHINGTON ON THE GENERAL SITUATION. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE AGREED.

11. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD STRICTLY LIMIT YOUR REMARKS TO THE FOREGOING TEXT AND AVOID ANY SPECULATION. ROBINSON

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